Reconciliation among Different Tamil Groups in Sri Lanka

106. SHRI MURLIDHAR CHANDRAKANT BHANDARE:

SHRI MAHENDRA PRASAD:

SHRI SURESH PACHOURI:

Will the Minister of EXTERNAL AFFAIRS be pleased to state what success was achieved in India's efforts at bringing about a reconciliation among different Tamil groups in Sri Lanka and to stop fratricide amongst the Tamil factions in that country?

THE MINISTER OF EXTERNAL AFFAIRS (SHRI I. K. GUJRAL): Shri M. Karunanidhi, as a respected Tamil leader, was requested, early in December, to make efforts to bring Sri Lankan Tamil Groups together in a non-partisan manner, to prevent internecine fighting among them. These talks did not result in a definitive outcome. However, after the deinduction of the IPKM, there has not been any significant violence between different Tamil groups in Sri Lanka.

Freedom Fighters of Dadra and Nagar Haveli

107. SHRI PRAMOD MAHAJAN: Will the Minister of HOME AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that freedom fighters who liberated Dadra and Nagar Haveli are proposed to be honoured with Central Pension;

(b) if so, what are the details in this regard; and

(c) if not, what are the reasons therefor?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HOME AFFAIRS (SHRI SUBODH KANT SAHAY): (a) to (c) The last date for receipt of applications for grant of pension under Swatantrata Sainik Samman Pension Scheme, 1980 was 31-3-1982. This Ministry have not received any application from freedom fighters of Dadra and Nagar Haveli.

Telecasting the Programme "Today in Legislature" from Doordarshan Kendras at State Capitals

108. SHRI PRAMOD MAHAJAN: Will the Minister of INFORMATION AND BROADCASTING be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that a programme "Today in Legislature" on the line of 'Today in Parliament' would be telecast from the Doordarshan Kendras at State Capitals where all facilities are available;

(b) if so, what are the details thereof; and

(c) if not, what are the reasons therefor?

THE MINISTER OF INFORMATION AND BROADCASTING AND PARLIAMENTARY AFFAIRS (SHRI P. UPENDRA): (a) to (c) Some Doordarshan Kendras are doing programme such as "Today in Legislature"/"This Week in Legislature", etc. However, due to constraint of studio facilities and manpower, it is not possible to telecast presently such a programme from all the State capitals. However, Assembly proceedings are also covered in the regional news bulletins put out by regional Doordarshan Kendras.

Nepalese PM's Message to India's PM on Bilateral Relations

109. SHRI SHANTI TYAGI: Will the Minister of EXTERNAL AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Prime Minister of Nepal has sent a message to the Prime Minister of India expressing his desire for improving Indo-Nepal relations and to find out solution of problems between the two countries; and